South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs 2009 Consumer Spirit Awards

Purpose:

The Consumer Spirit Awards are awarded annually to recognize individuals and organizations that empower South Carolinians through consumer protection and education initiatives.

Award Descriptions:

Organization Leadership Award

The recipient of this award is an organization, business or non-profit group that has demonstrated exemplary concern for consumers by providing services that inform, educate and/or protect consumers against illegal practices.

Dublin/Robinson Consumer Champion Award

The recipient of this award is an individual who has demonstrated exemplary consumer service in his/her community by initiating consumer advocacy programs and/or actively participating in such activities.

Governmental Excellence Award

The recipient of this award is an individual or organization employed by state or federal government that has demonstrated exemplary initiative in utilizing their decision-making authority on behalf of consumers.

Media Partnership Award

The recipient of this award is a media organization or individual that has demonstrated exemplary interest in consumer issues and/or increased awareness of these issues through investigation and coverage via mass communication.

Award Criteria:

Strategy: The nominee must demonstrate knowledge of and solutions for consumer needs

Execution: The nominee must complete their strategy honestly and professionally. **Originality:** The nominee must implement creative, innovative methods to help consumers.

Results: The nominee's efforts must directly benefit South Carolina consumers.

Nomination Deadline:

Applications must be received by <u>5 p.m. on January 5, 2009.</u> Applications are available by calling toll-free 1.800.922.1594 or online at <u>www.scconsumer.gov</u>. E-mail applications in PDF or Microsoft Word format to <u>consumerspiritawards@dca.state.sc.us</u>, or mail applications to: Consumer Spirit Awards, c/o PI&E, PO Box 5757, Columbia, SC 29250. For more information, call 803.734.4190. **You may nominate yourself.**

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Please check the Consumer Spirit Award for which you are applying. Organization Leadership Award Dublin/Robinson Consumer Champion Award Governmental Excellence Award Media Partnership Award Nominator Information: Full Name: Position/Title: Mailing Address: Business Ph.: () Home Ph.: () Cell Ph.: () Nominee Information: Full Name: Position/Title: Organization Name: E-mail Address: Mailing Address:

Nominee's Achievements:

Please limit each response to 150 words or less. Attach additional documents if necessary. For online applications, submit additional documents using PDF or Microsoft Word. For mail-in applications, please staple additional documents to back of form.

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Strategy: How did the nominee demonstrate knowledge of and solutions for consumer needs?
Execution: How did the nominee complete their strategy honestly and professionally?
Originality: How did the nominee's efforts use creativity and innovation to help consumers?
Results: How did the nominee's efforts benefit South Carolina consumers?